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Contact: Fire Information
928-226-4601

La Barranca Fire Update **June 1, 2006 – 9:00 p.m.**

Date/Time Started:

Thursday, June 1, 2006 – 2:30 p.m.

Size:

Estimated 2000 acres

Location:

La Barranca Drive in the Village of Oak Creek, south of Sedona and east of Highway 179
Fire started on private land and burned onto the Red Rock Ranger District of the Coconino National Forest. It is now actively burning in the Munds Mountain Wilderness.
(Forest Map) Township 16 N, Range 6 East, Section 17

Cause:

Probably human caused; source of ignition under investigation

Fuels:

Grass, brush, Pinyon-Juniper, otherwise known as High Chaparral

% Containment:

No estimated containment

Resources committed:

Northern Arizona Type II Incident Management Team (Joe Reinarz, Incident Commander) has been ordered to take command of the fire.

2 Hotshot Crews

2 Type II Crews

20 engines from multiple agencies

5 water tenders

Air support: 3 air tankers; 1 lead plane, 2 type II helicopters

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Resources on order:

10 Hotshot Crews

2 Strike Teams

Structures:

Approximately 30 homes were evacuated and are threatened in the Pine Valley Subdivision; there are about 200 structures in the area. At least two structures have burned.

Red Cross has established a shelter for evacuees at the Big Park school in the Village of Oak Creek.

Concerns:

Public and firefighter health and safety. Structure protection is a priority.

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